

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn-currently amended) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:
 - a) precipitating amorphous valsartan from a solution of valsartan in methyl t-butyl ether; and
 - b) recovering valsartan amorphous form, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting point enthalpy above about 1 J/g.
2. Canceled
3. (withdrawn-currently amended) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:
 - a) precipitating amorphous valsartan from a mixture of water and a solvent selected from the group consisting of ethanol, DMF, acetone and mixtures thereof; and
 - b) recovering the precipitated amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting point enthalpy above about 1 J/g.
4. (withdrawn) The process of claim 3, wherein precipitating is carried out by combining water as an anti-solvent with the solution of valsartan in the solvent.
5. (withdrawn-currently amended) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:
 - a) preparing a solution of valsartan in a solvent selected from the group consisting of tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, ethanol, isopropanol, and diethyl ether; and

- b) removing the solvent to obtain the amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting point enthalpy above about 1 J/g.

6. (withdrawn) The process of claim 5, wherein removing is carried out by evaporation.

7. (canceled)

8. (withdrawn-currently amended) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:

- a) suspending valsartan in water to obtain amorphous valsartan; and
- b) recovering the amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting point enthalpy above about 1 J/g.

9. (withdrawn) The process of claim 8, wherein the suspending step includes heating.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (withdrawn-currently amended) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:

- a) acidifying a basic aqueous solution of valsartan, wherein the acidifying results in precipitation of amorphous valsartan; and
- b) recovering the precipitated amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting point enthalpy above about 1 J/g.

13. (withdrawn) The process of claim 12, wherein the acidifying results in a pH of from about 2 to about 5.

14. (withdrawn-currently amended) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:

- a) heating valsartan in diisopropyl ether to obtain amorphous valsartan; and
- b) recovering the amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting point enthalpy above about 1 J/g.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (currently amended) Amorphous form of valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting point enthalpy above about 1 J/g.

18. (canceled)

19-80. (canceled)

81. (withdrawn-currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising amorphous valsartan of claim 17, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

82. (withdrawn-currently amended) A method for treating hypertension in a mammal comprising the step of administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 81 to the mammal in need thereof.

83. (New) Amorphous valsartan having a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting enthalpy above about 1 J/g in region of about 80°C to about 100°C in said DSC.

84. (New-withdrawn) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:

- a) precipitating amorphous valsartan from a mixture of water and a solvent selected from the group consisting of ethanol, DMF, acetone and mixtures thereof; and

b) recovering the precipitated amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram lacks a melting enthalpy above about 1 J/g in region of about 80°C to about 100°C in said DSC.

85. (New-withdrawn) The process of claim 84, wherein precipitating is carried out by combining water as an anti-solvent with the solution of valsartan in the solvent.

86. (New-withdrawn) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:

a) preparing a solution of valsartan in a solvent selected from the group consisting of tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, ethanol, isopropanol, and diethyl ether; and
b) removing the solvent to obtain the amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting enthalpy above about 1 J/g in region of about 80°C to about 100°C in said DSC.

87. (New-withdrawn) The process of claim 86, wherein removing is carried out by evaporation.

88. (New-withdrawn) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:

a) suspending valsartan in water to obtain amorphous valsartan; and
b) recovering the amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram that lacks a melting enthalpy above about 1 J/g in region of about 80°C to about 100°C in said DSC.

89. (New-withdrawn) The process of claim 88, wherein the suspending step includes heating.

90. (New-withdrawn) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:

a) acidifying a basic aqueous solution of valsartan, wherein the acidifying results in precipitation of amorphous valsartan; and

b) recovering the precipitated amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram lacks a melting enthalpy above about 1 J/g in region of about 80°C to about 100°C in said DSC.

91. (New-withdrawn) The process of claim 90, wherein the acidifying results in a pH of from about 2 to about 5.

92. (New-withdrawn) A process for preparing amorphous form of valsartan comprising the steps of:

a) heating valsartan in diisopropyl ether to obtain amorphous valsartan; and
b) recovering the amorphous valsartan, wherein the amorphous form has a DSC thermogram lacks a melting enthalpy above about 1 J/g in region of about 80°C to about 100°C in said DSC.

93. (New-withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising amorphous valsartan of claim 83, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

94. (New-withdrawn) A method for treating hypertension in a mammal comprising the step of administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 93 to the mammal in need thereof.